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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 December 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| | 6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>dictionary.com (page 1)</u> . |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are examined on the merits.
2. The IDS, December 11, 2003, has been fully considered.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claims 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.
5. Claims 14-20 are directed to an article comprising a computer-readable signal-bearing medium such as “carrier signal” (claim 15). However, the carrier signal does not fall within any of the categories of patentable subject matter set forth in 35 U.S.C. 101. Therefore, claims 14-20, which embodies the carrier signal as the claimed invention, is not statutory.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
8. Claim 1, line 5-6, recites “invoking...in response to said interpretation” which causes said claim to be vague and indefinite because it is not clear as to whether the “invoking”

is in response to the action of “interpreting” in step (b), or the interpreted command (result). For example as supported by dictionary.com, one interpretation is that the act of interpreting alone triggers the invoking step. Alternatively, the actual interpreted command (result of interpreting) triggers the invoking step. The same issue is present in claims 8 and 14. Claims 2-7, 9-13, and 15-20 are rejected for being dependent from claim 1, 8, or 14.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 102

9. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

10. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lennon et al. (US 20020107973A1) (Lennon hereafter).

CLAIM INTERPRETATIONS

11. It is noted that Lennon does not explicitly recite the limitation of “managed object.” The instant specification exemplifies “managed object” as hardware devices which may include storage devices, servers, and routers (page 4, last paragraph). Lennon discloses the below cited method, computer system and article as directed to storage devices and servers (Figures 9-11). Therefore, the disclosure of Lennon has been interpreted as “managed object.” Further, the disclosure of the “get” (page 5, column 1, [0074]) command by Lennon has been interpreted as a function as exemplified by the instant specification (page 6, lines 1-16).

BASIS FOR PRIOR ART

12. In regard to claim 1, Lennon discloses a method of communicating with a managed object, comprising:
 - a. Dynamically generating (page 4, column 2, [0073], especially the disclosure of “dynamically generating XML descriptions that conform to these schemas”) an interpretable format form a meta data description for a function of said object (claim 1);
 - b. Interpreting an operator input command (Abstract etc., and page 9, [0101]) according to said format (claim 92, and page 9, column 1, [0100], to page 10, column 1, line 7); and
 - c. Invoking an appropriate action on said managed object in response to said interpretation (claim 92).
13. In regard to claim 2, Lennon discloses translating a response received from said managed object into said interpretable format (page 4, column 2, [0073], and page 5, column 1, [0077]).
14. In regard to claim 3, Lennon discloses meta data description for a function of said object includes a uniform resource locator to said function (page 5, column 1, [0074] and [0078], and page 9, column 1, [0103]).
15. In regard to claim 4, Lennon discloses the metadata describes one or more internal commands associated with said functions (page 5, column 1, [0074]). It is noted that the “get” command described by Lennon is consistent type of internal command exemplified by the instant specification on page 6, lines 1-16.

16. In regard to claim 5, Lennon discloses dynamically generating (page 5, column 1, [0075]) an interpretable format from a mete data description (claim 1) includes building a data structure to inform an operator of a require format for communication with said managed object (page 5, column 2, [0084], to page 8, column 1, [0099]).
17. In regard to claim 6, Lennon discloses the interpretable format dynamically interpreting (page 5, column 1, [0075]) response data (claim 92, and page 9, column 1, [0100], to page 10, column 1, line 7).
18. In regard to claim 7, Lennon discloses the step of dynamically generating an interpretable format from a mete data description for a function of said object includes an interface such as a graphical user interface (Figures 1 and 2, especial item 101, “Media Browser”).
19. In regard to claims 8-20, Lennon discloses the above cite method being implemented in a computer system and article comprising a computer-readable signal-bearing medium (Figures 1 and 2).

CONCLUSION

20. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:
 - a. Coulthard et al. (US 20040003013A1) as directed to transferring data and storing metadata across a network requiring “a interpretable format”(Abstract etc.).
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24. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim Vo, can be reached on (571) 272-3642.

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Patent Examiner
6/11/06